

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

I feel that the biggest issue in our nation is our media's coverage of important events. For many Americans, the main stream media is the only vehicle for information. If these sources are owned by a handful of Americans, only their interests will be represented. It is impossible to have an operating democracy without the voices of all Americans represented. I know this is an idealistic goal but we, as a people are very removed from it and should be working towards it. Please pass laws that are interest of our great nation, not the interest of those that hold power. Please do not loosen media restrictions!!!

Thank you and Best Regards,

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